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## HOLLYWOOD MUSICIAN VISITS CAMPUS



MR. ROSS DI MAGGIO, A. B., of 4726 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood, California, visited the campus recently. A native of Natchitoches, the Hollywood celebrity was spending a portion of his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Sam Dipaola.

He is pictured above being welcomed by President Kyser and one of his former classmates, Mr. Bert B. Boyd. Reading from left to right are Bert B. Boyd, Mrs. Gerow McCook, Ross Di Maggio, President Kyser, and Mrs. Gerow Brittain. (Incidentally, the picture behind and above Mr. Di Maggio is a view of Kisatchie National Forest near Natchitoches.)

Mr. Di Maggio has been living in Hollywood since shortly after graduation. A graduate of the Music Department, he has maintained a lively interest in music and devoted his time to musical activities during his entire stay here. Starting out as a member of an orchestra, he has been conductor and director of orchestras. He has engaged in the production of orchestration arrangements of music for the motion-picture industry. At the present time he is coordinator of Music Activities and Music Conductor for Columbia Pictures Corporation.

Mr. Ross did the orchestration and arrangement of music for such pictures as Al Jolson's Story.

His wife, also very talented in music, is also working with the motion-picture industry in Hollywood.

## Life Membership Certificates Issued

Certificates of life membership in the Alumni Association have been issued to the following during the summer and fall: Mrs. Gladys Longino Jones, DeRidder; Miss Eddie Gene Elliott, Lake Charles; Lt. Don Finley, Olla; Miss Melba Rae Bennett, Zachary; Miss Patsy Winkler, Olla; Miss Juanita George, Coffeyville, Kansas; Miss Hazel Davis, Ringgold; Mr. Walter Max Burns, Leesville; Mrs. Reta B. Kendrick, Natchitoches; Miss Julie M. Cusachs, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Julie Chopin Cusachs, Baton Rouge; Mr. James Haywood Rachal, Natchitoches; Miss Barbara Stephenson, Leesville.

Mr. Robert W. Norris, Bossier City; Mrs. Mollie Allen Graves, Montgomery; Lt. Bobby Earnest, Cheneyville; Miss Mable F. Pryor, Napoleonville, Mrs. Ruth Lawton, Natchitoches; Miss Mary De Schwab, Bossier City; Mr. Hugh Mercer, Winnfield; Miss Faye Del Johnson, Chestnut; Mr. Shelton N. Robinson, Shreveport; Miss Helen Lois Jacobs, New Orleans; and Lt. Pat S. Todd, Natchitoches.

These certificates are issued to any graduate or former student on the payment of five dollars to the Alumni Association. Why not join the rapidly growing list of those who are helping to support the Alumni Association? Send your check to Leroy S. Miller today.

## Graduate Program Taking Shape At Northwestern

Plans for the graduate program at Northwestern State received tentative approval by the State Board of Education at its meeting on November 19. The Board also approved and named a graduate dean.

Plans are being perfected for beginning graduate courses of instruction immediately after final approval of the complete structure of the program by the Board.

The tentative approval climaxed a long series of meetings by college officials and public-school leaders. School officials throughout Louisiana were consulted as to how the structure of various curricula should be set up. At the conclusion of these meetings and surveys, the finished product was presented to the Board for its approval.

President Kyser, in commenting on the graduate school, stated: "We are extremely proud of the part we will be able to play in Louisiana education."

"This marks a new era for our college . . . Northwestern State College has long been recognized as a leader in teacher education in Louisiana, and this step forward, in our 70th year, marks one of the milestones in the history of our institution."

## Industrial Arts Bldg. Nears Completion

The new building to house the Industrial Education Department, located just south of the power house and facing Sibley Drive, is rapidly nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy in February or March.

Built of steel, brick and tile, on a concrete slab, the new structure will be completely fire-proof. Particular care in the lighting, ventilation, and convenience of classroom and office arrangements has been taken to meet the most modern demands of industrial arts arrangement. Adequate floor space will provide for proper size in classrooms, offices, and laboratories.

The building will house all phases of the Industrial Education department, including the graphic

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DR. LEO T. ALLBRITTEN (top), Dean of the School of Education for the past one and one-half years, has been named Dean of the Graduate School by the State Board of Education, effective December 1.

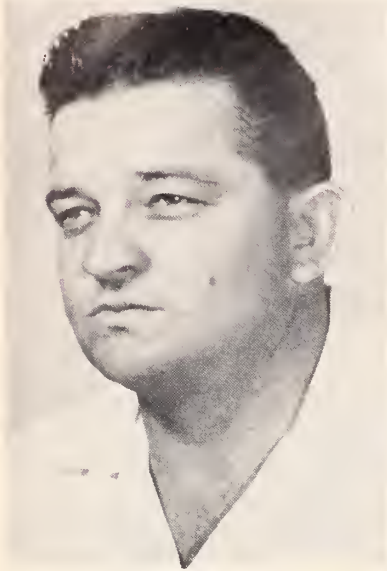
Dean Allbritten is a native of Texas and did his undergraduate work at Southwestern University of Texas. He completed the work for his Master's Degree at the University of Texas, and earned his Doctor of Education Degree at Colorado State College at Greeley.

He has been connected with the

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## HEADS CALCASIEU ALUMNI



E. D. SCHUMACHER, 14 Center Avenue, Maplewood, was elected President of the Calcasieu Parish Alumni group at the business session of the group in a meeting recently. He replaces Clea T. Campbell, of Sulphur, who has been president of the Calcasieu unit for the past two years.

The business session followed a dinner meeting of the alumni at Sammy's Restaurant, at which sixty alumni were present.

Guests from the College for the occasion were President and Mrs. John S. Kyser, Dean of Women Eve Mouton, and Leroy Miller, Secretary of the Alumni Association. Short talks were made by the Secretary, Dean of Women, and President Kyser. After the program a picture of the Northwestern State-McNeese football game was shown.

Other alumni elected to serve the unit for the next year were Mrs. Dorothy Bell Donaldson, Sulphur, Vice-President; Miss Emma Ruth Smith, Maplewood, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Louise Vick, Lake Charles, Reporter; C. M. McSwain, Maplewood, J. C. Carlin, Sulphur, and Gabe Barkate, Lake Charles, Executive Committee Members. McSwain was named permanent membership chairman.

## Dean Allbritten—

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College as a member of the Education faculty and as Dean of the School of Education since 1946. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, is married to the former Blanche Burbank of DeRidder, and has one son, who is five years of age.

DR. JOHN A. JONES (bottom picture on page 1), Director of Teacher Training, was named by the State Board of Education to serve as Acting Dean of the School of Education. His appointment is

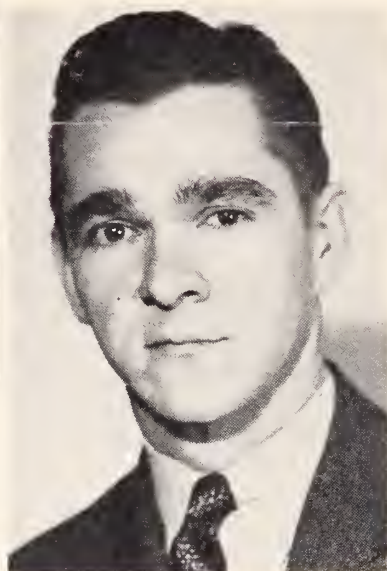
also effective December 1. He will continue to serve as Director of Teacher Training as well as Acting Dean.

Dr. Jones is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and received both the Master's Degree and the Ph.D. Degree from Louisiana State University.

His wife, Mrs. Jewell Jones, is supervising teacher in the Northwestern Elementary School.

Dr. Jones is a member of the Lions Club and active in both civic and religious affairs. He and Mrs. Jones have been at N. S. C. since 1913.

## WILLIAM E. WRIGHT



William E. Wright, former student at the College, is now serving as minister of Kings Highway Christian Church in Shreveport. He resides at 463 Pennsylvania Avenue.

After leaving Northwestern, Wright worked for two years at Texarkana for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He received his A. B. Degree at Texas Christian University in 1940 and his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the same institution in 1943. He served as chaplain in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 aboard a ship in the Pacific.

Wright served as pastor of the Christian Church in Borger, Texas, for three years, moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma, as pastor of First Christian Church until April, 1954, when he came to Shreveport.

He has always been very active in civic and religious groups wherever he has filled a pastorate.

Wright is married, having wed Miss Julia Cabiness of Temple, Texas, in 1941.

## Industrial Arts—

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arts and printing shop, and the photographic room and development room.

## World Travelers

The study of World Geography should come easy for these two young people pictured at the bottom of the page. Not yet in their teens, Jamie S. (left), age 7 years, and Shirley Paul (right), age 12 years, have crossed both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans twice.

Jamie and Shirley Paul are the children of Colonel and Mrs. James S. Coward. Mrs. Coward is the former Shirley E. Potts, A. B. '46, of Natchitoches, and Col. Coward hails from Erwin, Tennessee.

A few of the places these "globe trotters" have visited, in addition to having lived 3 years in Bagdad, Iraq, and in Rangoon, Burma, include England, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Africa, India, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, Guam, Hawaii.

Beginning their world travels at the ripe old age of 9 mos. and 3½ yrs., respectively, these youngsters had some difficulty in finding adequate schools to attend. As a matter of fact, they were taught by their mother with the aid of the Calvert system, and when they returned to the U. S.—they now live in Bangor, Maine—the children entered their respective grades without difficulty.

Prior to his return to the States, Colonel Coward served as Air Attache to the U. S. Embassy at both Bagdad and Rangoon for the past five years.

Jamie and Shirley Paul are the grandchildren of Mrs. Shirley Potts of Natchitoches.

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Here 'n There

A letter from Mrs. Jess Stroud, B. S. '50, the former Jess DeSoto, of 302 Jackson Street, Lake Village, Arkansas, requested that her ALUMNI COLUMN mailing address be changed.

Mrs. Stroud is now teaching Montrose, Arkansas; she lived 3012 Washington, Pasadena, Texas, before moving to Lake Village.

She stated: "I heard the Misses Winters had retired. I am happy for them but sorry Northwestern lost them. Miss Catherine taught me history and I had a practice teaching under Miss Mary. I don't believe Northwestern will ever have two more wonderful people on its staff (Incidentally, Miss Catherine and Miss Mary still reside at 520 College Avenue, Natchitoches.)"

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A note from Glynn Harvey, A. B. '49, 18 B Dogwood, Park Forest, Illinois, states that he is teaching at Rich Township High School, Park Forest, which is reported to be a model school. He is teaching "Unified Studies and Senior Problems."

He and Mrs. Harvey, the former Katherine Elaine Ferguson, B. S. '51, of Coshatta, are enjoying their work in Illinois, although doesn't like the "cold" too much.

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## JAMIE S. AND SHIRLEY PAUL COWARD





## Demons Lose To Southeastern Lions

The Demons, crippled by injuries, were unable to hold the lions of Southeastern Louisiana College at Hammond in the last game of the season, played at Hammond.

Holding the power-packed Lions to an even score, 6-6, in the first half, the Demons were unable to stop the running and passing of the fast-charging backs during the second half and fell before them to the tune of 32-6.

This victory for the Lions gave them undisputed first place in Gulf States Conference football and dropped the Demons back into tie for second place. The Lions had the conference in all departments for the season, with Northwestern taking most of the second-place honors in both offense and defense.

The Demons finished the season with a season's record of 7 wins and two losses, thus bettering the record of last year. In 1953 the Demons finished the football season with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses; however, they were co-champions in the Gulf States Conference, losing only one conference game.

### LT. BOBBIE CURTIS



Second Lieutenant Bobbie S. Curtis, B. S. '54, of Route 3, Alexandria, is at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she is serving a year's dietetic internship at Brooke Army Hospital.

She is one of 15 June graduates of colleges and universities throughout the country who is serving internship under the supervision of Women's Medical Specialist Corps officers, who are dietitians. She will receive instruction in institutional organization and management, professional ethics, menu planning, food procurement, production and service, financial management, storeroom management, sanitation, waste pre-

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Harvey recently received his Master's Degree at L. S. U.

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Mrs. George N. Addison, the former Betty Jean Kuhn, B. S. '47, of Tallulah, is now living at 1520 Hazel Street, Beaumont, Texas.

She is teaching music at Dick Dowling Junior High School. One of her pet projects this year has been the organization of a boys chorus, "The Melody Men," who plan to vocalize with the "Melody Maids" of Beaumont in a joint concert later in the year.

Mrs. Addison was music supervisor in Sabine Parish for four years and directed the music in her home town of Tallulah for one year before accepting the position in Beaumont. She and Mr. Addison have one child, a fifteen months old son, George Neilan Addison, Jr.

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Mrs. Billy Payne Dougherty, A. B. '54, is now teaching first grade in the public schools of Knoxville, Tennessee. Her husband, Bill, is a junior at the University of Tennessee. They reside at 1830 White Avenue, Apt. 2, Knoxville.

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A note from Mrs. Michael Rosenbert Blouin, P. O. Box 668, Columbus, Mississippi, states that she has recently moved from her home in Memphis to Columbus. Mrs. Blouin is the former Miss R. E. Williams, A. B. '23, of Shreveport.

She stated in her letter: "I wish I could be there for Homecoming and the dedication of Varnado Hall. I was a student at 'Normal' when Miss Dean was first made Dean of Women, and I have many pleasant memories of association with her both in her History classes and as Dean of Women.

"I would love to see Mr. Roy, Speck Holland, and Mr. Fredericks — so I sincerely wish this to be a most joyous homecoming."

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Clyde L. Madden, A. B. '29, of 820 Glenmore Street, Baton Rouge, received a distinct honor recently when he was selected as one of two faculty members of Louisiana State University who were called for membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa. Mr. Madden, Director (Continued on page 4)

vention, equipment management, personnel management and training, nutrition education and teaching, and diet therapy.

Successful completion of the year's work will make Lieut. Curtis eligible for membership in the American Dietetic Association.

### GEORGE McCONATHY



### DICK BROWN



## Demon Five Humble Arkansas Razorbacks

Overcoming an early lead established by the potent Razorbacks of the University of Arkansas, the Demon basketballers opened their 1954-1955 season with a 74-68 victory in Razorback Gymnasium on Monday night, November 29, avenging their defeat of last year.

Sophomore guard Dick Brown and junior forward George McConathy paced the Demons with 23 and 20 points, respectively. Pete Butler led the Razorbacks with 21 points. Others in the scoring column for the Demons were Walker with 11 points, Thomas with 6 points, Lilley and Collinsworth with five points each, and Randles with four points.

The Demons led 47-42 at the

half, and after building up a 10-point cushion midway through the third period, switched to control tactics.

The Razorbacks made a determined effort the last quarter to overtake the Demons, but the smooth stalling of ballhawks Dick Brown and Freshman Ronnie Lebo made the final five minutes a parade of Demons to the free-throw line.

The Demons take on North Texas State College at Denton on December 4, and Southern Methodist University Mustangs in Dallas on December 6, before playing their first home game of the season against Southern State College.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1954-1955

### Games at Natchitoches

Dec. 9—Southern State College  
Dec. 11—Stephen F. Austin  
Dec. 16—Southeastern Okla.  
Dec. 17—Southeastern Okla.  
Jan. 3—North Texas State  
Jan. 10—Northeast La. State  
Jan. 22—Southwestern La.  
Feb. 1—McNeese State College  
Feb. 5—Southeastern La.  
Feb. 15—Louisiana College  
Feb. 17—Centenary College  
Feb. 22—Louisiana Tech

### Games Away From Home

Dec. 4—North Texas State  
Dec. 6—Southern Methodist  
Dec. 28-30—Midwestern Tournament  
Terre Haute, Indiana  
Dec. 31—Arkansas College  
Jan. 1—Arkansas College  
Jan. 13—Louisiana Tech  
Jan. 15—Centenary College  
Jan. 18—Stephen F. Austin  
Jan. 25—Louisiana College  
Jan. 29—Southeastern La.  
Feb. 8—Southwestern La.  
Feb. 12—McNeese State College  
Feb. 26—Northeast State College

All home games on week nights—7:30 P. M.; Games on Saturday nights—8:00 P. M.



## RHONDA FAY GATLIN



Rhonda Fay Gatlin is the two and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., 1002 Pam Street, Mansfield. Her mother is the former JoNell Richardson, B. S. '51, and her father is employed as Deputy Sheriff of DeSoto Parish.

Rhonda Fay is very proud of her baby sister, Jolene, who arrived on the scene October 30. She is eagerly awaiting the time when Jolene grows up big enough to play with her.

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tor of High School Relations at the university, was selected for "his leadership and conspicuous attainment in the field of education."

Before going to his present position at the University, Mr. Madden served as high school principal and worked in the State Department of Education. His contribution in the field of education and his leadership prompted the OKD, a national leadership honor society for men, to select him for membership.

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Mrs. Annie Ruth Fletcher, the former Annie Ruth Boydston, B. S. '39, of Natchitoches, is managing the cafeteria at Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Texas, for the 300 or more employees of the Texas Aluminum Company at Point Comfort.

In a recent house organ, Texalcoa ROUND-UP, the work of Mrs. Fletcher was featured. The article stated, in part, "Much of the pleasant atmosphere of the cafeteria stems from the freshly cut flowers, such as gladiolas, daffodils, Dutch Iris, and zinnias, which are grown at home . . . In fact, Ruth Fletcher's talent for growing daffodils and Dutch Iris, plus a fondness and real ability for all sorts of decorative handcraft, provides a happy combination and many attractive center pieces for special occasions.

"Ruth is a 'deep south' south-

erner from Natchitoches, Louisiana, where good cooking is almost as inherent as breathing. She is a Home Economics graduate from Northwestern State College in her home town. For eight years, Ruth taught home economics in the public schools of Louisiana and Texas. She joined Progressive Cafeterias — of which this cafeteria is a branch — in March, 1951, at the Shell Oil Company Refinery in Pasadena. She came to Point Comfort the following June. Ruth's family includes her husband, Albert (Mechanical), her mother, and a teen-age daughter, Nita Ruth."

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Howard N. Campbell, B. S. '51, formerly of Elizabethton, Tennessee, is now living on RFD No. 2, Arcadia. He has been employed at the Louisiana Ordnance Plant and this past summer purchased a small farm at Arcadia. He plans to grow things as well as make things.

Mr. Campbell has two daughters, 15 and 17 years old, respectively, and states that he had a wonderful 6,000-mile vacation trip in the northwest this past summer.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris, Jr., 7 Welsersstrasse, Ansbach, Germany, are the proud parents of a son, Lawrence Allen III, born October 19, at Nuremberg, Germany. Mrs. Harris is the former Kay Mahan, A. B. '51, of Monroe, Michigan.

Mr. Harris, a graduate of Louisiana Tech, is the brother of Louise Harris, A. B. '51, and is an engineer with the Sperry Gyroscope Company, and a civilian instructor with U.S.A.R.E.U.R. Signal School in Germany.

Mrs. Harris states that she is homesick for Louisiana and will be glad to return in April to her home in Monroe, La.

Her twin sister, Laura Mahan, A. B. '51, has been visiting Kay for the last four months. While in Europe, Laura took the opportunity to visit Austria, Switzerland, and France.

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Russell Short, A. B. '48, are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Sally Douglas, on August 19. Mr. and Mrs. Short, the former Barbara Blanchard, live at 143 Atkins Avenue, Shreveport.

Mr. Short completed his work at Tulane Law School in June, 1951,

## Thoughts Inspired By My Old Potpourri

by

Bernice Hollister Stewart  
(Class of 1930)

I looked through my old Potpourri today.  
It's hard to realize that twenty years  
Have filled the interim from then till now.  
I scanned each face and read each printed name,  
And then I read the notes and autographs  
Of those who once had been my closest friends  
Among both students and the faculty.  
I gazed on pictured scenes of the old Hill.  
Remembering each quaint beloved spot.  
A score of years can seem so short a time  
As one goes back into the yesteryear.  
And yet those very years are magnified  
By one's return from realms of memory.

We were so sure of our success and fame.  
Our might to make the world a better place  
For all the generations yet unborn.  
We did not think of glory selfishly:  
We longed to lead, and yet we meant to share.  
To lift, to love, to show philanthropy.  
We knew not then as now we know that Youth  
Of ev'ry age and clime sustain ideals  
Of making earth into their sort of bliss.  
We sensed, but could not know, that Youth like Age  
Is prone to make mistakes; yet now we know.  
Though Age like Youth will err and err again,  
That both will rise and counteract the wrong.

The years are not in vain, old Potpourri.

and is now engaged in the practice of law in Shreveport.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stoutamire, 1023 Merritt Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, are the proud parents of a boy, Jeffrey Richter Stoutamire, born October 31. Mr. Stoutamire, better known as "Jodie", graduated from NSC in 1950. Mrs. Stoutamire is the former Barbara Richter, B. S. '47, of Natchitoches. Stoutamire is coaching basketball in the Leon High School in Tallahassee.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Crawford, 6602 Craig Road, Merriam, Kansas, announce the arrival on September 26 of a lovely daughter, Carol Sue. The mother is the former Carol Clark of Natchitoches, A. B. '50.

The Crawfords have one other child, David Wood, who is 18 months old.

Mr. Crawford, who hails from Kansas City, is a mechanical engineer for the Bendix Aviation Corporation.

Mrs. Crawford stated in her letter: "I wish to thank you for my copies of the Alumni Columns, which I enjoy so much. After graduation, friends become so separated and it is so nice to read what they are doing and where they are living . . ."

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Mrs. Patricia Powell Graves, 635 A Shaler Boulevard, Ridge-

field, New Jersey, writes to announce the arrival of her son, Gary Powell Graves, on July 11. Her husband, Bennie Graves, a graduate of Centenary, is working with the F. B. I. in New York City. Mrs. Graves, the former Patricia Powell, received her A. B. Degree in 1950.

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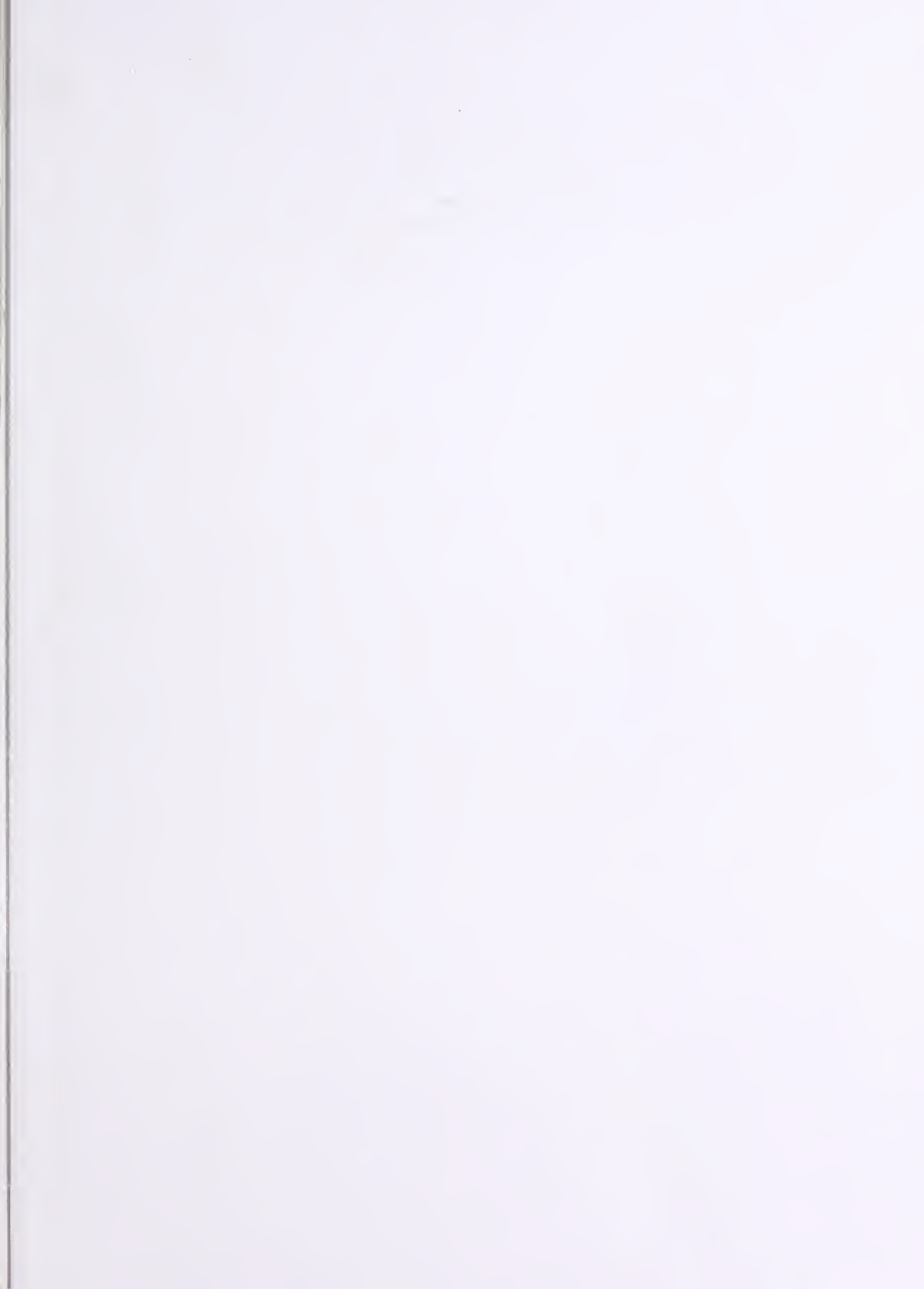
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